

PREAMBLE to resurrected Cases Z.N.(S.)1686, 1687
(see *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 22 (2), pp. 102, 103)

These two cases are the last remaining from several originally submitted by Francis Hemming in 1964 under the old '*nomen oblitum* rule' (Art. 23b), and shelved when that rule was placed in abeyance. Hemming had discovered those *nomina oblita* during his exhaustive research of the ancient generic names for his 1967 classic 'Generic Names of the Butterflies and their Type-Species' (*Bull. Br. Mus. nat. Hist.* (Ent.) Suppl. vol. 9), published three years after his death. The cases have been in suspense now for nearly 20 years; none of the older names have been adopted, and early settlement is requested in order to end present uncertainty and threats to stability.

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EUPHAEDRA HÜBNER, [1819] (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA):
PROPOSED CONSERVATION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS.
Z.N.(S.)1686
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Euphaedra Hübner, [1819], type species by designation by Scudder, 1875, *Papilio cyparissa* Cramer, [1775], is the universally known name of an unusually large and colourful genus of Nymphalid butterflies in Africa. Unfortunately, when Hübner's *Tentamen* [1806] was suppressed by Opinion 97, one of the names he had used in it became technically available in a slightly different sense, as a senior subjective synonym of *Euphaedra*. That name is *Najas* Hübner, [1807], whose type species by monotypy, *Najas themis* Hübner, [1807], is currently considered to be congeneric with *E. cyparissa* (Cramer). The name *Najas* in this sense was quickly abandoned by Hübner and has never been adopted, while *Euphaedra* has remained in universal use for well over 100 years, ten recent examples being: Peters, 1952, pp. 63–66; van Someren & Jackson (1960), pp. 127–137, pls. 2–5; Gifford, 1965, p. 106; Pinhey, 1965, pp. 92–93; Hemming, 1967, pp. 179, 304; Cooper, 1973, p. 71; Lewis, 1973, pls. 100, 101; Laithwaite *et al.*, 1975, p. 204, pl. 237 g; Pinhey & Loe, 1977, pp. 25, 26, 34, 36–37; Carcasson, 1981, pp. 45, 46, 165–167.

2. *Euphaedra* of present authors is ripe for 'splitting', but it so happens that the two type species involved here are very closely related (Nos. 2472, 2474 among over 80 species listed in the subgenus *Euphaedra* alone) and it is considered that to save *Najas* for any who 'think it a genus distinct from *Euphaedra*' would delay rather than assist stability.

3. The International Commission is therefore requested:

- (1) to use its plenary powers to suppress the generic name *Najas* Hübner, [1807], for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy and, having done so;
- (2) to place on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology the generic name *Euphaedra* Hübner, [1819] (gender feminine), type-species by designation by Scudder, 1875, *Papilio cyparissa* Cramer, [1775],
- (3) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the specific name *cyparissa* Cramer, [1775], as published in the binomen *Papilio cyparissa* (type-species of *Euphaedra* Hübner, [1819]),
- (4) to place on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology the generic name *Najas* Hübner, [1807], as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above.

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**OUROCNEMIS BAKER, 1887 (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA):
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Aetheius Hübner, [1819], was a generic name introduced for three species which Hübner placed among the Hesperiid ('Skipper') butterflies but which actually are all Riordinids ('Metalmarks'). By 1875 when Scudder designated the type species, the true affiliation of two was known, so he designated the third 'for it alone belongs to the group in which Hübner placed this genus'; *Papilio archytas* Stoll, [1787]. Thereafter, the name *Aetheius* disappeared from the literature, being rightly ignored by Hesperiid workers and never discovered by Riordinid specialists.

2. In 1887 Baker introduced the generic name *Ourocnemis* for the Riordinid species *Anteros axiochus* Hewitson, [1867], which is now considered subjectively to be conspecific with *P. archytas* Stoll. To resurrect the defunct name *Aetheius* now, sinking *Ourocnemis* which has been in continual use for nearly a century, would stretch the Law of Priority to extreme length at the expense of stability and universality. Recent usages of *Ourocnemis* are;

Lichy, 1936, p. 204, fig., & 1938, pl., fig. 4; Hall, 1940, p. 35; Forster, 1948, p. 111, no. 189; Hemming, 1967, p. 328; Ortiz, 1967, p. 14 (as "Aurocnemis"); Zikán & Zikán, 1968, p. 55; Tello, 1968, p. 220; Lamas, 1969, p. 318; Lewis, 1973, pl. 77, fig. 14 (as "*Ourochnemis archytes*"); Biezanko *et al.* 1979, p. 16.

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